

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGKO 00471 091705Z

43

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 OC-06 CCO-00 A-01 OPR-02

SY-10 CU-04 AID-20 PC-10 OMB-01 NIC-01 DRC-01 /133 W

----- 053907

O 091640Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9597

INFO AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL UDORN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 471

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT

SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. EMBASSY JANUARY 9, 1974

1. AT 7:30 P.M. SOME THIRTY STUDENT MARCHERS ARRIVED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE EMBASSY AND FORMED A LINE TO PREVENT OTHER STUDENTS FROM ENTERING THE EMBASSY GROUNDS. BY 8:30 P.M. THE CROWD OF STUDENTS AND ONLOOKERS HAD REACHED APPROXIMATELY 3,000.

2. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ORDERLY AND WELL ORGANIZED. THEIR LEADERS MADE SPECIAL APPEALS FOR THEM NOT TO BREAK ANY LAWS OR DESTROY PROPERTY. THERE WERE SOUND TRUCKS. THIRAYUDH BOONMEE AND SAOWANEE LIMMANOND WERE THE PRINCIPLE SPEAKERS OF NOTE. THEY SPOKE ABOUT BOTH JAPANESE ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE IN THAILAND AND CIA POLICIAL INTERFERENCE. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THE ECONOMY AND POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THAILAND BELONG TO THE THAI PEOPLE AND ARE NOT TO BE SUBVERTED BY OUTSIDERS BE THEY JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN OR AMERICAN CIA AGENTS. THEY PRESENTED NO PETITIONS BUT DID DEMAND THAT BOTH THE CIA AND AMBASSADOR KINTNER LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY INTEND TO SEND A CABLE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS ASKING FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S RECALL. THEY SANG SONGS REFERRING TO AND RIDICULING CIA "INTERFERENCE" IN

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGKO 00471 091705Z

VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA.

3. THE DEMONSTRATION BROKE UP AT 9:30 P.M. AFTER SAOWANEE ANNOUNCED THAT PM SANYA WOULD MEET WITH THEM JANUARY 10 AT NOON TO GIVE THEM HIS DECISION ON THE CIA AND ITS FUTURE IN THAILAND. THE STUDENTS AT THIS POINT HAVE NO PLANS TO RETURN UNLESS SANYA'S DECISION STRIKES THEM AS UNACCEPTABLE.

4. DESPITE THE SIZE OF THE DEMONSTRATION, THE STUDENTS REMAINED POLITE THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY. WE OFFERED THEM WATER, WHICH THEY WILLINGLY ACCEPTED. THE THAI POLICE WERE ON HAND, AND THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEFERRED TO THE POLICE.

5. COMMENT: AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO TALKED WITH THEM FOUND THEM REASONABLE. SEVERAL ARGUED FOR CONTINUED AMERICAN COOPERATION WITH THAILAND BUT ONLY WHEN THE THAI TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SEEKING ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THIS REASONING.
KINTNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERVENTION, STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, EMBASSIES, ESPIONAGE AGENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BANGKO00471
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740155/aaaabzgy.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09-Aug-2002 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <17 DEC 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. EMBASSY JANUARY 9, 1974
TAGS: PINT, TH, US, CIA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005